

On motion of Mr. Kirk the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

Senate Bill No. 230 :

To be entitled an act to define the duties of the Adjutant-General and to fix his compensation,

Was called from the calendar and was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Kirk the rules were further waived by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Bill No. 230 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 230,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Hardee, Hendry, Houstoun, Kirk, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rosborough, Smith and Tuten—18.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 230 passed, title as stated.

On motion of Mr. Hendry, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

Committee Substitute for House Bills Nos. 36, 40, 41 and 68:

An act to protect and preserve the game birds and other birds herein named; and animals of the State of Florida and to affix penalties for violation of the same,

Was read the second time together with the committee amendments.

The committee amendments were adopted.

Mr. Houstoun moved to amend by striking out the word, "bull bat ;"

Which was agreed to,

And the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Wall offered the following amendment :

Amend section 1 by adding after the word "year," the following : "Or during such other time as may be prescribed by the County Commissioners of each county."

Amend section 3, in line 6 by inserting between the words "year" and "or," the following : "Or during such time as may be prescribed by the County Commissioners of each county ;"

Which was adopted,

And the amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill passed to its third reading.

Mr. Bielby moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning ;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate stood so adjourned

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1889.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names :

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Hardee, Hendry, Houstoun, Jenkins, King, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Swearingen, Tuten, Wilkinson and Yancey—22.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Smith was excused from attendance for the day on account of sickness.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Bielby, Chairman of Committee on Constitution, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Constitution, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 182,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. F. A. BIELBY,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Yancey, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

House Bill No. 182 :

An act to revoke and abolish the present municipal govern-

ment of the city of Palatka in certain respects, and to reorganize a city government therefor,

Was read the second time by its title.

Mr. Yancey moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 182 be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was not agreed to.

So the motion was lost.

And House Bill No. 182 was placed on the calendar for its third reading.

Mr. Hammond, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 85:

An act regulating assignments for benefit of creditors,

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

E. M. HAMMOND,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Hammond the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and—

House Bill No. 85:

To be entitled an act regulating assignments for benefit of creditors,

Was read the second time by its title.

Mr. Bielby was called to the chair.

On motion of Mr. Hammond, the rules were further waived by a two-thirds vote,

And House Bill No. 85 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 85,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hen-

dry, Houstoun, Jenkins, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Schumacher and Yancey—20.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 85 passed, title as stated,

Mr. Latham, Chairman of Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined—

An act to provide for removal of all obstructions to navigation in any of the navigable waters of this State, and to prevent such obstructions in future;

Also,

An act prescribing the jurisdiction and duties of County Judges;

Also,

An act to be entitled an act in relation to the land grant of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, and prescribing the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in relation thereto, the right of settlement thereon, and the specifications for the construction of its waterway and the time of its completion from St. Augustine to Biscayne Bay,

And beg leave to report them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Mr. Yancey, Chairman of Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 134,

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

D. H. YANCEY,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Coulter, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 203:

A bill entitled an act to prevent the making and building fires, or fishing from any bridge or ferry in the State of Florida,

Be leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

W. R. COULTER,

Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Pirrong, Chairman of Special Committee, appointed under Senate Resolution No. 9, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee appointed under—
Senate Resolution No. 9:

Providing for the appointment of a committee of three to examine and report what quantity of land has been already conveyed to the several railroad and canal companies of this State, under grants made previous to the payment by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, of the debt creating the lien upon said lands, and how much more is still claimed by said corporations,

Be leave to state that they have given to the subject matter entrusted the most careful study and thorough investiga-

tion, and respectfully submit the following report, with accompanying exhibits, as the result of their labors:

It is the Internal Improvement Fund with which your Committee have been mainly engaged. And to present a simplified form of the Internal Improvement system, for a proper understanding of the matter under consideration, a review of its past history is necessary.

The Internal Improvement Fund consists of lands granted to the State of Florida by the United States.

The first grant was made by an act of Congress of September the 4th, 1841, to take effect upon the admission of Florida as a State into the Union, which happened on March 3d, 1845.

This grant was for 500,000 acres of land, and for Internal Improvement purposes. These lands are known as Internal Improvement lands proper.

The second grant was by an act of Congress of September 28th, 1856. It granted the whole of the swamp and overflowed lands, in the State at that time belonging to the United States, and made by reason of being overflowed and unfit for cultivation.

By the terms of this act these lands, which are commonly known as swamp lands, were, after being selected and patented, to be subject to the disposal of the Legislature of the State, with the proviso, that the proceeds of said lands, whether from sale or direct appropriation in kind, should be applied exclusively, as far as necessary, to the purpose of reclaiming said lands by means of levees and drains.

There was no such proviso as to the Internal Improvement lands proper.

Under these grants the State has received patents for 16,004,198.75 acres.

The Legislature of Florida on January 6, 1855, passed what is known as the Internal Improvement Act. This act vested all of the internal improvement lands proper then unsold, as well as all the swamp and overflowed lands on hand, with all the proceeds that had been accumulated, in the Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney-General and Commissioner of Lands, as a Board of Trustees, to carry out the provisions of the act.

As proper objects entitled to the benefits of this enterprise, the act designates the following proposed lines of railroads and canals, viz:

A line of railroad from St. Johns river at Jacksonville to the waters of Pensacola Bay, with an extension from suitable points on said line to St. Marks river or Crooked river at White Bluff, on Apalachicola Bay, in Middle Florida, and St. Andrews Bay, in West Florida, and a line from Amelia Island, on

the Atlantic, to the waters of Tampa Bay, in South Florida, with an extension to Cedar Keys, in East Florida; also a canal from the waters of St. Johns river on Lake Harney to the waters of Indian river.

By this act the companies which might undertake the construction of any part of any of said lines of railroad were authorized to issue coupon bonds to the amount of \$10,000 per mile on each section of ten miles of completed railroad they might construct, and additional bonds for bridges over the Suwannee and other rivers, and a structure to cross from the west side of Nassau river to Amelia island.

Such bonds were to fall due not longer than thirty-five years from their date, and to bear interest at not more than seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and be a first lien on the road.

The Trustees were authorized to endorse upon these bonds a guarantee that the Internal Improvement Fund was pledged to pay the interest on said bonds, which was evidenced by coupons maturing every six months.

Under this authority to railroads and canals to issue bonds and coupons, this enormous and vexatious debt was incurred.

Immediately after the passage of the act, four railroad companies organized and availed themselves of the provisions of the act; and upon their construction bonds were issued, with a guarantee by the Trustees that the coupons thereon should be paid at maturity, and of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The railroad companies which issued bonds, and the amount to which they were issued, with a guarantee endorsement of the coupons by the Trustees, were:

Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company.....	\$1,220,000
Tallahassee Railroad Company.....	206,000
Florida Railroad Company.....	1,616,000
Florida Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad Company.....	555,000
Total.....	\$3,597,000

The first named railroad company built the road from Lake City to Quincy; the second reconstructed that from St. Marks to Tallahassee; the third built that from Fernandina to Cedar Keys; and the fourth built that from Jacksonville to Lake City.

The annual interest on this amount of bonds, endorsed and guaranteed by the Internal Improvement Fund, was \$251,790, payable semi-annually.

Prior to the war the Trustees had to pay very large amounts of this interest debt, the railroads paying but little.

After the war the railroads still failed to pay the interest on their bonds, and having failed to pay the sinking fund of one-half of one per cent. annually on the amount of their stock and bonded debt, as required by the Internal Improvement Act, the Trustees, under the power given them by the act, seized and sold the several railroads, as follows:

Florida Railroad, in 1867.

Florida Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad, in 1868.

Pensacola and Georgia Railroad, in 1869.

Tallahassee Railroad, in 1869.

The effect of such sales was to relieve the railroads from all lien of the bonds or coupons, except the one-half of one per cent., payable semi-annually, as a sinking fund, and to which these railroads are still subject, and may be seized at any time upon their failure to pay the said one-half of one per cent., so long as any of their bonds are due and outstanding.

These sales left the Internal Improvement Fund alone responsible for interest. The railroad companies were left bankrupt, and the stock received by the Trustees for interest payments was like that of the counties and private persons, worthless.

By the sale of these railroads there were retired and cancelled the following bonds:

Pensacola and Georgia Railroad bonds.....	\$ 903,600
Tallahassee Railroad bonds.....	153,100
Florida Railroad bonds.....	1,388,000
Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad bonds..	524,000
Total.....	\$2,968,700

Leaving outstanding the following bonds on September 5, 1882:

Pensacola and Georgia Railroad bonds.....	\$316,400
Tallahassee Railroad bonds.....	50,775
Florida Railroad bonds.....	228,000
Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central.....	31,000
Total.....	\$626,175

The annual interest falling due on the foregoing outstanding bonds was \$43,832.25.

And as each coupon matured it also bore interest at 7 per cent. per annum, and amounted annually to \$3,068.25.

Since the 5th day of September, 1882, there has been cancelled and retired by the Trustees the following amount of the outstanding first mortgage and railroad bonds:

Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central bonds.....	\$ 7,000
Florida Railroad bonds.....	70,000
Tallahassee Railroad bonds.....	50,775
Pensacola and Georgia Railroad bonds.....	205,400

Total..... \$333,175

Leaving apparently outstanding the following bonds:

Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad bonds..	\$ 24,000
Florida Railroad bonds.....	158,000
Pensacola and Georgia Railroad bonds.....	111,000
Tallahassee Railroad bonds.....	

Total..... \$293,000

But from the \$111,000 of P. and G. bonds above stated, as apparently outstanding, there is to be deducted the sum of \$10,300, being the amount of P. and G. bonds involved in the litigation in the United States Circuit Court at Jacksonville, in the case of Calvin Littlefield vs. the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in which the decree of the Court awarded said bonds to be delivered to the said Trustees, and upon an appeal taken therefrom to the United States Supreme Court by said Littlefield, the decree of the Court below was affirmed, which retired these bonds and left but \$8,000 of this series outstanding.

And at the present date there is actually outstanding the following bonds:

Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central bond.....	\$ 24,000
Florida Railroad bonds.....	158,000
Pensacola & Georgia Railroad bonds.....	8,000

Total..... \$190,000

COUPONS AND INTEREST THEREON.

There has been paid, cancelled and retired by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, coupons of the first mortgage railroad bonds and interest on same, in the following amounts:

Prior to September 5, 1882.....	\$1,270,618.28
Since September 5, 1882, to December 31, 1888....	233,903.23

There has been paid during the present year, 1889, as follows:

February 18—Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central coupons..	\$140.00
March 1—Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central coupons,	175.00
April 10—Florida Atlantic and Gulf, Central coupons,	1,120.00
March 5—Florida Railroad coupons.....	980.00

Total..... \$1,506,936.51

There is now in outstanding coupons \$30,000, of which \$10,000 matures annually.

The last of the coupons mature September 1st, 1892.

Since the construction of the four original railroads, which created the indebtedness of the Internal Improvement Fund, a large number of railroads and canals in this State have been constructed through the instrumentality of the Internal Improvement Fund.

All of the railroads and canals, with the exception of the four original ones, now operating in this State have been built mainly by the aid of land grants as provided for in the general incorporation act of February 19th, 1874, and the amendatory acts thereto, and by special legislative grants made in their respective charters.

All of such railroads and canals which have received land grants under and by the general incorporation act of February 19th, 1874, and the amendatory acts thereto, have taken such lands under the following proviso contained in said act, to-wit:

"Provided, however, That the lands to be located more than six miles from any such railroad or canal to supply any deficiency as aforesaid, shall be granted subject to any lien now existing thereon by reason of any indebtedness incurred under the laws of this State."

And railroads and canals which have been the recipients of special land grants by a Legislative charter have nearly all received such lands, with the following proviso contained in their charters:

"Provided, however, That the grant of lands made by this section is made subject to the rights of all creditors of the Internal Improvement Fund, and to the trusts to which said Fund is applicable and subject under an act entitled "An act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvements in this State, approved January 5th, 1855, and subject to control, management, sale and application of said Fund, and the lands constituting the same, by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, for the purposes of the said trusts under said act."

"Provided, however, That the title to the lands granted in this section is not to vest until they shall be released from the indebtedness existing against said trust fund, it being the purpose of this section to grant the *residuary* interest of the State in the lands granted by said act of September 28, 1850, after satisfaction has been made of said indebtedness to the extent or in the quantity hereby indicated to aid some railroad company."

The railroads and canals in this State, which are subject to the foregoing provisions are particularly set forth in the fol-

lowing schedule, which shows the number of acres of land which has been conveyed to each railroad and canal company by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, under the general incorporation act of February 19, 1874, and the amendatory acts thereto, and also under special charter grants by the Legislature of Florida; and also the number of acres claimed to be still due under said grants, to be satisfied from any swamp and overflowed lands which may now belong to the Internal Improvement Fund, and not otherwise appropriated, or from lands yet to be patented to the State. See Schedule "D."

"D."

LIST OF LANDS CONVEYED TO RAILROADS AND CANALS BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

JACKSONVILLE, TAMPA AND KEY WEST RAILWAY COMPANY AND RAILROADS UNDER ITS MANAGEMENT:

<i>Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Division.</i>			
1884.			
May 17—Conveyed on account six mile limit, alternate sections, from Jacksonville to Palatka.....	45,812.49		
1886.			
Aug. 10—Conveyed on account 10,000 acres per mile, grant from Jacksonville to Palatka.....	369,841.24		
Total conveyed.....		415,653.73	
Conveyed under special grant.....	369,841.24		
Conveyed under alternate sections.....	45,812.49		
1889.			
Jan. 1—Number miles built.....	55		
Acres per mile granted.....	10,000		
Total granted.....	550,000		
Total conveyed under the special grant.....	369,841.24		
Balance claimed on special grant.....	180,158.76		
<i>Palatka and Indian River Division.</i>			
1885.			
Nov. 30—Lands conveyed.....	21,126.56		
1886.			
Jan. 2—Lands conveyed.....	33,241.87		
April 24—Lands conveyed.....	60,768.07		
1888.			
Dec. 31—Lands conveyed.....	152,217.35		
Dec. 31—Certificate for unpatented lands.....	134,400.00	401,753.85	
Dec. 31—Conveyed under special grant.....	286,617.35		
Conveyed under alternate sections.....	115,136.50		
	401,753.85		
Number of miles built.....	70		
Number of acres per mile.....	6,000		
Number of acres granted.....	420,000		
Total conveyed on special grant.....	286,617.35		
Balance due on grant..	133,382.65		

Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax River Railroad Division.

1883.		43,008.54	
Sept. 18—Lands conveyed.....			
1886.		6,492.71	
April 24—Lands conveyed.....		4,030.00—	53,531.25
July 30—Lands conveyed.....			
		53,531.25	

Conveyed under the general act.....

St. Augustine and Palatka Railway Division.

1886.		33,331.00—	33,331.00
June 30—Lands conveyed.....			
		33,331.00	
Conveyed under general act.....			

St. Johns Railway Division.

1886		42,085.92—	42,085.92
Sept. 21—Lands conveyed.....			
		42,085.92	
Conveyed under general grant act.....			

St. Johns and Halifax Railway Division.

1885.		9,301.93	
April 18—Lands conveyed.....			
1886.		29,966.10	
Jan. 2—Lands conveyed.....		32,784.86	
April 20—Lands conveyed.....			
1887.		29,017.77—	101,070.66
July 6—Lands conveyed.....			
		101,070.66	
Conveyed under general grant act.....			

Florida Southern Division.

St. Johns and Lake Eustis Division.

1880.		14,605.62	
Nov. 30—Lands conveyed.....			
1883.		40.00—	14,645.62
Feb. 2—Lands conveyed.....			

Florida Southern Division.

1881.		17,348.93	
Nov. 22—Lands conveyed.....			
1883.		485,671.39	
April 23—Lands conveyed.....		334,326.15	
May 3—Lands conveyed.....			
1884.		4,299.72	
Mar. 28—Lands conveyed.....			
1885.		525,083.69	
May 3—Lands conveyed.....		4,691.71	
May 18—Lands conveyed.....		246,937.41	
June 24—Lands conveyed.....		4,853.42	
Aug. 5—Lands conveyed.....		60,462.02	
Oct. 6—Lands conveyed.....			
1886.		8,036.17	
Jan. 7—Lands conveyed.....		59,355.46	
April 9—Lands conveyed.....		199,225.48	
April 22—Lands conveyed.....		7,249.36	
July 30—Lands conveyed.....		445,213.82	
Aug. 10—Lands conveyed.....			
1887.		4,466.93	
Jan. 14—Lands conveyed.....		280.03	
Jan. 31—Lands conveyed.....		80.10	
May 25—Lands conveyed.....		599.10	
July 7—Lands conveyed.....		61,985.67	
July 31—Lands conveyed.....			

Oct. 25—Lands conveyed.....	509.36	
1888.		
June 19—Lands conveyed.....	214.42	
Dec. 31—Lands conveyed.....	114,258.82	
June 22—Certificate for unpatented lands.....	148,614.81	2,733,763.97
Total.....		2,748,409.59

Conveyed under special grant.....	2,565,344.43
Conveyed under alternate sections.....	183,065.16
	2,748,409.59

1889.		
Jan. 1—Number of miles built.....	286.76	
Number of acres per mile granted.....	10,000	
Number of acres granted.....	2,867,600	
Conveyed under special grant.....	2,565,344.43	
Balance due on special grant.....	302,255.57	

SAVANNAH, FLORIDA AND WESTERN RAILWAY SYSTEM:

East Florida Railroad Division.

1882.		
Feb. 28—Lands conveyed on account alternate sections.....	9,531.60	
1886.		
Aug. 25—Lands conveyed on account of alternate sections.....	5,541.38	15,072.98
Conveyed under General Incorporation Act.	15,072.98	

LIVE OAK AND ROWLAND'S BLUFF R. R. DIVISION.

1882.		
Nov. 15—Lands conveyed.....	3,253.21	3,253.21
Conveyed under General Incorporation Act.	3,253.21	

SOUTH FLORIDA RAILROAD SYSTEM:

1881.		
Oct. 31—Conveyed to South Fla. Railroad Co. on account alternate sections from Sanford to Tampa.....	5,318.12	
1882.		
Aug. 4—Conveyed to South Florida Railroad Company on account alternate sections from Sanford to Tampa.....	51,515.89	
1884.		
Feb. 19—Conveyed to Plant Investment Co. (under the T. T. & K. W. charter, for road constructed by Plant Investment Co. from Kissimmee to Tampa on six mile limit)..	123,481.16	
1884.		
Dec. 30—Conveyed to Plant Investment Co. (under the J. T. & K. W. charter for road constructed by Plant Investment Co. from Kissimmee to Tampa on twenty mile limit.....	73,538.83	
30—Conveyed to Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West Railway (under the J. T. & K. W. charter for road constructed by Plant Investment Co. from Kissimmee to Tampa		

on account ten mile grant).....	679,461.31	
1885.		
May 18—Conveyed to Plant Investment Company (under the J. T. & K. W. charter for road constructed by Plant Investment Company from Bartow Junction to Bartow on 6 mile limit.....	9,192.36	
1888.		
June 28—Conveyed to South Florida Railroad Company (on account six mile limit from Tampa to Port Tampa.....	4,527.36	
Dec. 17—Same.....	240.00	947,275.63
		<i>Sanford and Indian River Division.</i>
1883.		
Dec. 27—Conveyed.....	2,061.66	2,061.66
Total conveyed.....		949,236.63

FLORIDA RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION SYSTEM:

Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Division.

Lands conveyed.....	65,561.77
<i>Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central Division.</i>	
Lands conveyed.....	164,568.21
<i>Florida Railroad Division.</i>	
Lands conveyed.....	286,348.59

1884.		
Dec. 19—Lands conveyed.....	22,891.69	
		<i>Pensacola Railroad Division.</i>

1882.		
Mar. 21—Lands conveyed.....	31,424.21	
		<i>Fernandina and Jacksonville Railroad Division.</i>

1882.		
Aug. 4—Lands conveyed.....	3,178.41	
1885.		
April 18—Lands conveyed.....	16,072.57	
		<i>Tropical Florida Railroad Company.</i>

1882.		
Aug. 18—Lands conveyed.....	4,183.34	
Total conveyed.....		594,236.63

PENSACOLA AND ATLANTIC RAILROAD SYSTEM.

1882.		
Dec. 6—Lands conveyed.....	56,219.30	
1883.		
April 17—Lands conveyed.....	1,138,292.35	
June 18—Lands conveyed.....	51,838.37	
1888.		
April 12—Lands conveyed.....	617.06	
Dec. 31—Lands conveyed.....	132,920.01	
Oct. 4—Certificates for unpatented selections.....	415,748.65	
Dec. 31—Certificates for unpatented selections.....	361,630.99	2,157,266.72

Conveyed under special grant.....	2,101,047.43
Conveyed under alternate sections.....	56,219.30
Number of miles built.....	161
Number of acres per mile.....	20,000
Number of acres granted.....	3,220,000
Conveyed under special grant.....	2,101,047.43
Balance due on grant.....	1,118,952.57

SILVER SPRINGS OCALA AND GULF RAILROAD COMPANY.			
1888.			
Mrch 30—	Lands conveyed.....	28,163.09	
Oct. 2—	" " ".....	10,122.42	
Dec. 31—	" " ".....	103,298.93	140,584.44
	Conveyed under special grant.....	140,584.44	
	" " alternate sections.....		
	Number of miles built.....	48.83	
	" " acres per mile.....	10,000	
	No. of acres granted.....	488,300	
	Conveyed under special grant.....	140,584.44	
	Balance due.....	347,715.56	
ALABAMA AND FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY.			
	Lands conveyed.....	27,613.32	27,613.32
	Conveyed under alternate sections.....	27,613.32	
JACKSONVILLE AND ATLANTIC RAILROAD COMPANY.			
1886.			
Aug. 31—	Lands conveyed.....	12,067.14	12,067.14
	Conveyed under alternate sections.....	12,067.14	
FLORIDA MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY.			
1887.			
July 1—	Lands conveyed.....	10,706.79	10,706.79
	Conveyed under alternate sections.....	10,706.79	
GREEN COVE SPRINGS AND MELROSE RAILROAD COMPANY.			
1884.			
Mrch 20—	Lands conveyed.....	7,781.48	7,781.48
	Conveyed under alternate sections.....	7,781.48	
ORANGE BELT RAILWAY COMPANY.			
1888.			
June 18—	Lands conveyed.....	66,563.29	
Aug. 17—	Lands conveyed.....	13,018.83	79,582.17
	Conveyed under alternates sections.....	79,582.17	
BLUE SPRINGS, ORANGE CITY AND ATLANTIC RAILROAD COMPANY.			
1886.			
May 4—	Lands conveyed.....		
1887.			
July 9—	" " ".....	5,993.71	
	Conveyed under alternate sections.....	59,128.49	65,122.20
1883			
	Number of acres deeded to Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company.	4,489.44	
1885.			
May 13—	Number of acres deeded to Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company.	87,657.25	92,146.69
	There are about 1,000,000 acres patented swamp land and about 400,000 acres State selections reserved.		
1883.			
	Number of acres deeded to Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Com-		

pany.....	9,373.95
Number of acres deeded to Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land Com- pany.....	1,165,569.11—1,174,943.09

There are now 1,200,000 acres of patented and unpatented swamp selections held in reserve under the contract of said Drainage Company with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida of August 1, 1888.

The aggregate number of acres of land which have been conveyed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the various railroads and canals in this State, and which are subject to the aforesaid provisions of law, are nine million one hundred and twenty-five thousand five hundred and forty-one and sixty-nine hundredths acres (9,125,541.69). See schedule "E."

"E."

AGGREGATE AMOUNT

Of acres of Land conveyed to the Railroads and Canals by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida.

J. T. & K. W.	415,653.73
P. & I. R. R'y.	491,753.85
J. St. A. & H. R. R'y	53,531.25
St. A. & P. R'y	33,331.00
St. J. R'y	42,085.92
S. J. & H. R'y	101,070.66
Fla. So. & Lake Eustis	14,645.62
Florida Southern	2,733,763.97
S. F. & W.	15,072.98
Live Oak & R. Bluff R'y	3,253.21
South Florida	949,336.69
Florida Railway & Navigation	594,228.79
P. & Atlantic	2,157,206.73
Silver Springs, Ocala & Gulf	140,584.44
Alabama & Florida	27,613.32
J. & Atlantic	12,067.14
Florida Mid. R'y	10,706.79
G. C. Springs & Mid. R. R.	7,781.48
Orange Belt R'y	79,582.17
Blue Springs, Orange City & Atlantic	65,122.20
Railroads	7,858,451.94

CANALS.

A. & Gulf Coast Canal & Okeechobee Land Co.....	1,174,943.06
Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Co.....	92,146.69
Canals.....	1,267,089.75
Aggregate No. acres conveyed to railroads and canals.....	9,125,541.69

The amount of indebtedness, which was a lien upon this land, as already stated, was one million five hundred and six thousand nine hundred and thirty-six and fifty-one hundredths dollars (\$1,506,936.51), which has been paid by the Trustees of

the Internal Improvement Fund for the extinguishment of said lien.

The amount of the indebtedness so paid by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the relief of the lands so conveyed, makes a proportionate per acre of sixteen and one-half cents (16½).

And the following schedule shows the total number of acres conveyed to each railroad and canal, the rate of indebtedness per acre on same, and the proportionate part of the extinguished debt, and the total debt of \$1,506,936.51 due by said railroads and canals. See schedule "F."

"F."

THE AMOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Of the Internal Improvement Fund paid by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, proportioned on the following Railroads and Canals.

NAME OF RAILROAD AND CANAL.	No. of Acres conveyed.	Rate Per Acre.	Proportionate part of Extinguished Debt.
J. T. & K. W. R. R.	415,653.73	16½c	\$ 68,582 86
P. & J. R. R. R'y.	401,753.85	"	66,839 37
J. St. A. & H. R. R'y.	53,531.25	"	8,832 65
St. A. & P. R'y.	33,331.00	"	5,499 61
St. J. R'y.	42,085.92	"	6,944 17
St. J. & H. R'y.	101,070.66	"	16,678 65
Fla. So. & Lake Eustis.	14,645.62	"	2,416 52
Florida Southern R. R.	2,733,763.97	"	451,071 05
Sav., Fla. & Western R. R.	15,072.98	"	248,704 17
Live Oak & R. B. R'y.	8,253.21	"	536 77
South Florida.	94,936.69	"	156,640 55
Fla. R. & N.	594,228.79	"	98,047 75
Pensacola & Atlantic.	2,157,266.73	"	355,448 95
Silver Springs & Gulf R. R.	140,584.44	"	23,196 43
Ala. & Fla. R. R.	27,613.32	"	4,556 19
Jacksonville & Atlantic.	12,067.14	"	1,991 07
Fla. Mid. R'y Co.	10,706.79	"	1,766 62
Green C. S. & Melrose R. R.	7,781.48	"	1,283 94
Orange Belt R. R.	79,582.17	"	13,131 05
Blue Springs, Orange City & A.	65,122.20	"	10,745 16
CANALS.		"	
A. G. C., C. & O. L. Co.	1,174,943.06	"	193,865 60
Fla. C. L. C. & T. Co.	92,146.69	"	15,204 20
Total.			\$1,506,936 51

In concluding this report your committee respectfully recommend that the Attorney-General take under advisement the foregoing case stated, and that he be authorized and empowered

to institute legal proceeding in the premises, to compel a settlement by such railroad and canal companies.

And that the Attorney-General be authorized and empowered to employ associate counsel to assist in the conduct of such suits.

Very respectfully,

J. D. PIERRONG, Chairman.
D. H. YANCEY.

Which the Clerk proceeded to read.

Mr. Kirk moved that the further reading of the report be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to,

And its further reading was dispensed with.

Mr. Rogers moved that one thousand copies of the report of the Special Committee to Investigate the Status of Internal Improvement Lands, together with the schedule submitted by the committee, be printed in pamphlet form;

Which was agreed to,

And the order was made.

Mr. Latham, Chairman of Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report that they have submitted to the Governor for his consideration the following bills and memorials:

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Johns River, Lake Weir and Gulf Railroad Company, being chapter 3803, Laws of Florida, approved June 7, 1887;

Also,

An act imposing a license tax on non-residents of this State fishing within the waters of said State;

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking for a mail route from Madison in Madison county, to Horse Shoe Bay in Lafayette county, Florida;

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace and judgments of Justices' Courts, being chapter 2040, Acts of 1875, Laws of Florida;

Also,

An act to make receipts of the Receiver of the United

States Land Office *prima facie* evidence in actions of ejectments, and declare the effect thereof;

Also,

An act entitled an act for the relief of A. C. Blount, Jr., of Pensacola, Florida;

Also,

An act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the County of Putnam, in the State of Florida;

Also,

An act entitled an act to amend section 5, chapter 1470, act of January 12th, 1866, Laws of Florida;

Also,

An act providing for the contest of the probate of wills before the same are probated;

Also,

An act prescribing the mode of procedure for the exercise of the powers of eminent domain by cities and towns;

Also,

An act entitled an act to amend section 1 of chapter 3253 of the Laws of Florida relating to fees of notaries public;

Also,

An act to promote and encourage the culture of oysters and the industry of oyster farming, and to protect persons engaged in the same;

Also,

An act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the County of Marion;

Also,

An act entitled an act to amend section 6, chapter 3769, Laws of Florida, and to add a new section to said act.

Very respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Mr. Houstoun, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 183:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe a rule of evidence on the trial of suits against railroad companies for injuring or killing live stock by their engines, cars or trains in this State,

Report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

P. HOUSTOUN,

Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be waived and that—

Senate Bill No. 219:

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Live Oak, in the county of Suwannee, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Live Oak valid and of full force and effect,

Be called from the calendar and read the second time by its title;

Which was withdrawn by Mr. Rogers.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Yancey moved that—

House Bill No. 250:

An act to provide for the registration of legally qualified voters in the several counties of this State, and to provide for elections generally and for the returns of elections,

Be called from the calendar for consideration;

Pending which Mr. Tuten moved that messages from the House of Representatives be taken up for consideration;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and

The following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 27, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed

Senate Bill No. 143:

An act making an appropriation for the Florida Normal School and Business Institute,

With certain amendments thereto adopted by the House,
And respectfully ask the Senate to agree thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The House amendments to—
Senate Bill No. 143:

An act making appropriation for the Florida Normal School
and Business Institute,
Were read.

On motion of Mr. Tuten, the Senate concurred in the House
amendments,

And under a suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote,
House Bill No. 143 was certified to the House of Representa-
tives at once.

By unanimous consent—

House Bill No. 250:

An act to provide for the registration of legally qualified
voters in the several counties of this State, and to provide for
elections generally, and for the returns of elections,

Was read the third time, together with the amendments,
And put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 250,
The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey
of 16th District, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn,
Hammond, Houston, Jenkins, Kirk, Randell, Rogers, Ros-
borough, Swearingen and Yancey—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bielby, Coulter, Hendry, Hind, King, Schu-
macher and Tuten—7.

So House Bill No. 250 passed, title as stated, and under a
suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote was certified to
the House of Representatives.

Mr. Swearingen moved that all Senators who desire to be
excused from voting on the passage of House Bill No. 250
shall place their excuses on the Journal.

Mr. Hendry moved to lay the motion on the table;
Which was not agreed to.

So the motion to table was lost.

Mr. Swearingen's motion was agreed to.

Mr. Coulter explained his vote as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: I give the following as my reasons for not
supporting House Bill No. 250, and ask that they be spread
upon the Journal of the Senate:

I cannot support this bill for the reason that I do not think

it in accord with true Democratic principles, or the right of
freemen to a full and fair expression of their preferences. I
think it gives too much power to certain election officers, some
of whom may use that power to defeat the will of the voters
and to accomplish their own purposes.

The law is, in my opinion, too complicated, and the eight
ballot boxes will be likely to confuse many good men and cause
them to lose their votes by their ballots being deposited in the
wrong boxes.

The plan for voting will also make that very tedious, and the
time will not be sufficient to poll a full vote in many places.

I think the names of the candidates a voter prefers should be
printed or written in plain letters on the same ticket, and any
legally qualified voter be allowed his right to deposit
his ballot, without any unnecessary hindrance.

I fear the law, if passed, will work great harm, not only in
principle but also in policy, and I simply exercise my right as
the representative of the Democratic voters of my county in
casting my vote against a measure which I do not approve and
which, I feel confident, a large number of Democrats in my
county do not approve.

The right to vote is the only right in the making and execu-
tion of laws which many men exercise, the number of offices
being comparatively few, and it is the right upon which all
other rights hinge, and is one which should be held sacred and
jealously guarded.

Election laws should be plain and simple and changed as
seldom as possible, in order that all voters may become per-
fectly familiar with them. The law under which our elections
have been held is, I think, sufficiently strict, and certainly has
worked well, while the one under consideration is so complica-
ted and hard to understand that large numbers of men will
never be able to comprehend and comply with its requirements
or under its provisions to cast their votes as they desire and
have a right to do.

I therefore vote against the passage of the bill.

Mr. Dunn moved to reconsider the vote by which House Bill
No. 250 was passed.

Mr. Yancey moved to lay the motion on the table;

Which was agreed to,

And the motion was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent the Engrossing Clerk was permitted
to renumber the sections in House Bill No. 39.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

The rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

The following message from the House of Representatives
was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has instructed me to return to the Senate House Bill No. 31 with the Senate amendments thereto for the correction of said amendments.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM.

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent the following correction in the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 31 was made:

By striking out the words "presiding judge, judge of the district, and judges," whenever they appear in said bill, and inserting the word "Governor."

The President resumed the chair.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

By permission Mr. Bailey of 16th, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 190:

To be entitled an act to amend section 1 of an act entitled an act to amend section 5 of an act entitled an act to dissolve municipal corporations therein, and to provide provisional governments for the same, approved January 28, 1885, approved June, 1887;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 81:

To be entitled an act to amend section one (1), chapter nineteen hundred and eighty-seven (1987) of the Laws of Florida, an act entitled an act to provide a general law for the incorporation of railroads and canals;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 2:

An act to provide for the forfeiture of certain lands heretofore granted by the State of Florida for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads and cutting canals;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 175;

To be entitled an act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in cities and towns of more than 200 inhabitants, and the sale of poisons in the State of Florida, and to affix penalties;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 86:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Southern Savings and Trust Company;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 50:

To be entitled an act to enlarge and extend the powers, rights and franchises of the Florida, Ocean and Gulf Canal Company, and to enact that the canal and property of said company shall be exempt from taxation,

Also,

Senate Bill No. 162:

To be entitled an act to change and permanently establish the boundary line between Suwannee and Columbia counties from Suwannee river to Ichetucknee Spring;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 155:

An act to incorporate the West Florida and Alabama Railroad Company;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 213:

To be entitled an act to continue the rights, privileges, powers, franchises and grants of the Santa Fe and St. Johns Railway Company, and to extend the time for the completion of the same;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 174:

To be entitled an act to continue the rights, privileges, powers, franchises and grants of the Florida Midland and Georgia Railroad Company, and to extend the time for the completion of the same.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 178:

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Seville in the county of Volusia;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 62:

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An act to amend section 8 of an act to create and establish the county of Lake from portions of Sumter and Orange counties;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 148:

To be entitled an act to define the legal time in the State of Florida,

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. S. BAILEY,

Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Hammond, Chairman of Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 159:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 3746 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 7th, 1887,

Have had same under consideration and beg leave to report same back to the Senate without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

E. M. HAMMOND,

Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Wilkinson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 152:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bluff Springs, in the county of Escambia;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 222:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide against accidents on railroads by requiring locomotive engineers in this State to be examined and licensed by a board to be appointed by the Governor;

Also,

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 60,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

JOHN WILKINSON,

Chairman of Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Bryant, Chairman of Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 161:

Entitled an act making an appropriation for the publication of the acts of the Legislature for the year 1883,

Have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. W. BRYANT,

Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

By unanimous consent—

Senate Bill No. 164.

To be entitled an act to define the compensation of State attorneys,

Was called from the calendar,

And was read the second time.

Mr. Hind moved that the further consideration of Senate Bill No. 164 be indefinitely postponed ;
Which was not agreed to.

So the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Dismukes, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote,

And Senate Bill No. 164 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 164,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bielby, Brett, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hammond, Hendry, Kirk, Rogers, Schumacher and Yancey—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey of 16th District, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Hind, Houstoun, Jenkins, King, Randell and Rosborough—10.

So Senate Bill No. 164 passed, title as stated, and, under a suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote, was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Dunn moved that the order of business be suspended, and that House Bill No. 140 be taken up for consideration ;

Which was withdrawn by Mr. Dunn.

On motion of Mr. Hammond House Bill No. 140 was made the special order for 3:30 P. M. to-day.

On motion of Mr. Brett the regular order of business was resumed and—

Senate Bill No. 231 :

An act to annex all of township four (4) north of range sixteen (16) west that lies east of Choctawhatchie river to Holmes county,

Was read the second time.

The substitute offered by Mr. Brett for Senate Bill No. 231 was read and adopted in lieu of the original bill.

On motion of Mr. Brett the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote and Substitute for Senate Bill No. 231 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Substitute for Senate Bill No. 231,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dunn, Hendry, Jenkins, King, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough and Schumacher—16.

Nays—Mr. Yancey—1.

So Substitute for Senate Bill No. 231 passed, title as stated,

And under a suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Yancey moved that the rules be waived and that—
House Bill No. 182 :

An act to revoke and abolish the present municipal government of the city of Palatka, and to reorganize a city government therefor,

Be called from the calendar and read the third time and put upon its passage.

Mr. Hind moved that House Bill No. 182 be put back on its second reading, and that it be made a special order for five o'clock this P. M. ;

Which was not agreed to.

So the motion was lost.

The question recurred to the motion by Mr. Yancey to read House Bill No. 182 the third time ;

Which was agreed to,

And House Bill No. 182 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 182,

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 16th District, Bailey of 22d District, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hendry, Kirk, King, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Swearingen, Tuten and Yancey—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bielby, Coulter, Hind and Schmacher—4.

So Senate Bill No. 182 passed, title as stated,

A message was received from the Governor.

A message was received from the House of Representatives

In pursuance of notice given Mr. Randell moved that the Senate reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 59 was indefinitely postponed ;

Which was agreed to,

And it was made a special order for 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Kirk Senate Bill No. 211 was made the special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

Senate Bill No. 219 :

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Live Oak in the county of Suwannee, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Live Oak valid and of full force and effect,

Was called from the calendar and read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the rules were further waived by a two-thirds vote, and

Senate Bill No. 219,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 219,

The vote was.

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hendry, Kirk, King, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Schumacher, Swearingen, Tuten and Yancey—20.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 219 passed, title as stated,

And under a suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

On motion of Mr. Bryant the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 63:

To be entitled an act to require railroad companies to construct passenger depots on their lines of roads,

Was called from the calendar and read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Substitute for Senate Bill No. 63,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey 16th District, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Houston, Kirk, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Swearingen and Yancey—13.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Dismukes, Hendry, King, Schumacher and Tuten—7.

So Senate Bill No. 63 passed, title as stated, and under a suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. King moved that the Senate go into Executive Session;

Which was agreed to,

And the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors were closed.

The doors were opened.

Mr. Hendry moved that the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.;

Which was agreed to.

So the Senate took a recess.

CONFIRMATIONS.

To be County Commissioners for Lee county:

T. T. Eyre, for District Three;

F. J. Wilson, for District Four;

Peter Nelson, for District Five.

NOT CONSENTED TO.

George M. Ormsby, for District One;
Robert Crawford, for District Two.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Drake, Hammond, Hendry, Hind, Houston, Jenkins, Kirk, King, Randell, Rogers, Rosborough, Schumacher and Yancey—20.

A quorum present.

The President announced that he was about to sign the following bills:

An act to provide for removal of all obstructions to navigation in any of the navigable waters of this State, and to prevent such obstructions in future;

Also,

An act prescribing the jurisdiction and duties of County Judges;

Also,

An act to be entitled an act in relation to the land grant of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, and prescribing the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in relation thereto, the right of settlement thereon, and the specifications for the construction of its waterway and the time for its completion from St. Augustine to Biscayne Bay.

Which were signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 211:

An act to amend chapter 3700 of the Laws of Florida, acts of 1887, entitled an act to provide for the proper enforcement of the provisions of Article XIX of the Constitution of 1885.

Being the special order was called up for its third reading. By unanimous consent, Mr. Kirk offered the following amendment:

In section two, line 7, after the word "section," strike out "3, chapter 3700, Laws of Florida," and insert "one of this act,"

Which was read and adopted.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed, and the bill was passed over informally.

By permission, Mr. Hammond, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 217:

An act to provide for the rectification of imperfectly recorded instruments,

Have had the same under consideration and report the same back without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

E. M. HAMMOND,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Hind, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and—

Senate Bill No. 217:

An act to provide for the rectification of imperfectly recorded instruments,

Was read the second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Hind, the rules were further waived by a two-thirds vote, and

House Bill No. 217,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 217,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey 16th District, Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Hind, King, Parkhill, Randell and Schumacher—16.

Nays—Messrs. Coulter, Hustoun and Yancey—3.

So House Bill No. 217 passed, title as stated, and under a further suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

In pursuance of notice given Mr. Hind moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to section 18 of—

House Bill No. 140:

An act to amend chapter 3746 of Laws of Florida, creating a Railroad Commission, and defining its powers and duties,

Was adopted.

Upon the motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, the yeas and nays were called for, and

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Hind, Kirk Pirrong, Randell, Rosborough and Yancey—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hustoun, King, Parkhill, Rogers and Schumacher—10.

So the motion to reconsider was lost.

By unanimous consent Mr. Dunn offered the following amendment:

After the words "adopted by said commissioners," and before the words "shall in all suits, etc.," occurring in said section 6, add the following words: "Or the schedules that may be made and fixed by said commissioners as hereinafter provided,"

And respectfully asks that the Secretary be authorized to make the correction on the amendment engrossed to be certified to the House;

Which was unanimously adopted, and the amendment was ordered to be added to the engrossed amendments.

Mr. Rosborough, Acting Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 140,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

J. A. ROSBOROUGH,
Acting Chairman Committee.

Mr. Dismukes moved that—
House Bill No. 140 :

An act to amend chapter 3746 of Laws of Florida, creating a Railroad Commission, and defining its powers and duties,
Be read the third time and put upon its passage ;
Which was agreed to,

And House Bill No. 140 was read the third time, together with the amendments, and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 140,
The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hammond, Hendry, Houstoun, Kirk, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Rogers, Rosborough, Tuten and Yancey—21.

Nays—Mr. Randell—1.

So House Bill No. 140 passed, title as stated.

And under a suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote was certified to the House of Representatives at once.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Dunn, Chairman of Committee on Public Health, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on The Public Health, to whom was referred—

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 45 :

Entitled an act to provide for the appointment of County Boards of Health in and for the several counties in the State of Florida,

Beg leave to report that they have had said House amendments under consideration, and recommend that the Senate do not concur therein.

In view of the importance of this bill to the people of the State, however, and the necessity for the passage of such law as provided therein, your committee recommends that a Joint

Conference Committee on the part of the Senate and the House be appointed to consider and report the same.

Very respectfully,

JNO. F. DUNN,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Bielby moved that the Senate do not concur in House amendments to Senate Bill No. 45, and ask for a committee of conference ;

Which was agreed to,
And the Senate did not concur.

Mr. Tuten, Chairman of Committee on Claims, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

SIR: Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 222 :

A bill for the relief of Crawford Bass and Geo. M. Ferrell, Beg leave to report that they have had same under consideration, and find that said bill should pass, but are of the opinion that the Constitutional requirements relative thereto *id negliget*.

Very respectfully,

J. D. TUTEN,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Kirk—
Senate Bill No. 211 :

An act to amend chapter 3700 of the Laws of Florida, acts of 1887, entitled an act to provide for the proper enforcement of the provisions of Article XIX of the Constitution of 1885,

Was called from the calendar under the special order and was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 211,

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 16th District, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dunn, Kirk, Pirrong, Rogers and Yancey—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Dismukes, Hardee, Hendry, Houstoun, King, Randell, Schumacher and Tuten—10.

So Senate Bill No. 211 was lost.

The following message was received from the Governor :

STATE OF FLORIDA,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE, TALLAHASSEE, May 28, 1889. }
HON. J. L. GASKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have signed the following:

' An act prescribing the mode of procedure for the exercise of the powers of eminent domain by cities and town;'
And I have deposited them with the Secretary of State.
I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

F. P. FLEMING,
Governor.

Also the following:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla, May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have signed the following:

An act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the county of Putnam, in the State of Florida.

An act providing for the contest of the probate of wills before the same are probated.

An act entitled an act to amend section 5, chapter 1470, act of January 12, 1866, Laws of Florida.

An act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the county of Marion.

An act entitled an act to amend section 6, chapter 3769, Laws of Florida, and to add a new section to said act.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the St. Johns River, Lake Weir and Gulf Railroad Company, being chapter 3803 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 7, 1887.

And I have deposited them with the Secretary of State.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS P. FLEMING,
Governor.

On motion of Mr. Kirk, House Bill No. 182 was certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, House Bill No. 330 was made special order for 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Mr. Kirk was called to the chair.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, messages from the House of Representatives were taken up for consideration.

The following message was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA, May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has instructed me to say that they have considered Senate Concurrent Resolution relative to the pay of Joint Visiting Committees, and regret to say that it is not within their power to comply therewith, inasmuch as section 3 of said House Bill No. 74 passed the House, then passed the Senate without amendments, and was so certified to the House. The only difference now between the Senate and the House of Representatives is the non-concurrence of the House in certain Senate amendments to said bill 74.

It is the judgment of the House that, at the request of the Senate, a conference committee should be appointed to adjust the difference on said amendments.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 26, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 216:

A bill to be entitled an act limiting the time which certain officers may be prosecuted and punished;

Also,

House Bill No. 213:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent transportation com-

panies within this State from diverting freights from the line of other transportation companies over which they may be, or have been consigned, etc.,

And respectfully ask the Senate to agree thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 216:

To be entitled an act limiting the time in which certain officers may be prosecuted and punished,

Was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 213:

To be entitled an act to prevent transportation companies within this State from diverting freights from the lines of other transportation companies over which they may be or have been consigned, &c.,

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate.

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 219:

A bill to be entitled an act declaring it a misdemeanor when laborers fail to perform the conditions of contract made by them, and to provide the penalty for such misdemeanor,

And respectfully ask the Senate to agree thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 219:

To be entitled an act declaring it a misdemeanor when laborers fail to perform the conditions of contracts made by them, and to provide the penalty for such misdemeanor,

Was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and

House Bill No. 219,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, the rules were further waived by

a two-thirds vote,

And House Bill No. 219 was read the third time,

And put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of House Bill No. 219,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Bailey of 16th District, Brett, Bryant, Drake, King, Randell and Rogers—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hardee, Hendry, Houston, Jenkins, Kirk,

Pirrong, Schumacher, Tuten and Yancey—15.

So House Bill No. 219 was lost.

Mr. Yancey introduced—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 249:

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Yancey moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Joint Resolution No. 249 be read the second time.

Pending which a message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Yancey's motion to waive the rules was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And the resolution was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Yancey the rules were further waived by a two-thirds vote, and

Senate Joint Resolution No. 249,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 249,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey 22d District, Bailey 16th District, Bielby, Bryant, Crosby, Dismukes, Drake, Dunn, Hardee, Hendry, Houston, Jenkins, Kirk, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rogers, Schumacher, Tuten and Yancey—21.

Nays—None.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 249 passed, title as stated, and under a further suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote was certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate.

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 241:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the establishment of depots in certain cases, and prescribing the powers and duties of the Railroad Commission in relation thereto,

And respectfully ask the Senate to agree thereto;

Also has passed—

Senate Bill No. 188:

An act to include part of township 20, in range 27, in Lake county.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 241:

An act requiring the establishment of depots in certain cases, and prescribing the powers and duties of the Railroad Commission in relation thereto,

Was read the first time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Bryant the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 241 was read the second time.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 154:

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt certain benevolent and charitable associations from the operations of the life insurance laws of this State, and to exempt from seizure and execution the funds paid by them for the families of deceased members.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Bielby moved that House Bill No. 241 remain on its

second reading and be made the special order for 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow;

Which was agreed to,
And the order made.

Senate Bill No. 188 was ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Yancey moved that a Committee of Conference concerning House Bill No. 74 be appointed by the Senate;

Which was agreed to,

And Messrs. Yancey, Dismukes and Bryant were appointed as said committee.

Senate Bill No. 154:

An act to exempt certain benevolent and charitable associations from the operation of the life insurance laws of this State, and to exempt from seizure or execution the funds paid by them for the families of deceased members,

Was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 28:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 7 of chapter 140 of McClellan's Digest, with certain amendments thereto adopted by the House.

Amendments accompanying the bill,
And respectfully ask the Senate to agree thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House amendments to Senate Bill No. 28 were read.

Mr. Bielby moved that the Senate concur in the amendments;

Which was agreed to,

And the Senate concurred in.

Also the following:

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28th, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives in response to the request of the Senate herewith returns to the Senate House Bill No. 59.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred in—

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 250.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Substitute for House Bill No. 335:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 9, 22, 30, 35, 62 and 63 of an act entitled "an act for the assessment and collection of revenue," approved June 13, 1887, chapter 3681, Laws of Florida,

And respectfully ask the Senate to agree thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Substitute for House Bill No. 335:

An act to amend sections 9, 22, 30, 36, 62, 63 of an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 13, 1887, chapter 3681, Laws of Florida,

Was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 185:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal section 5 of an act entitled an act to incorporate a company to can and deal in fruit, vegetables, fish and oysters, &c.;

Also,

House Bill No. 234:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the survival of actions;

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 185:

An act to repeal section 5 of an act entitled an act to incorporate a company to can and deal in fruit, vegetables, fish and oysters, &c.,

Was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Bielby was placed on its second reading.

House Bill No. 234:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the survival of actions,

Was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 27, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 267 :

An act to amend an act entitled an act to abolish the corporations of the towns of Tampa and North Tampa, to provide a municipal government for the city of Tampa, and to define the boundaries thereof,

And respectfully ask the Senate to agree thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 267 :

An act to be entitled an act to abolish the corporation of the towns of Tampa and North Tampa, to provide a municipal government for the city of Tampa, and to define the boundaries thereof,

Was read the first time by its title, and by unanimous consent was read the second time without reference.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 27, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 160:

To be entitled an act to define the duties of Inspectors of Timber in the State of Florida, and to declare a standard rule of inspection and to impose penalties for wilful failure to make

correct statement of amount of timber inspected, and for selling or buying timber by any other than by said standard rule,

With certain amendments thereto adopted by the House.

Amendments attached to the bill,

And respectfully ask the Senate to agree thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

House amendments to Senate Bill No. 160 were read.

On motion of Mr. Pirrong, the Senate concurred in the House amendments.

And they were ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 25, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 239 :

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Palatka and Apopka Air Line Railroad and Telegraph Company,

And respectfully ask the Senate to agree thereto.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Bill No. 239 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Palatka and Apopka Air Line Railroad and Telegraph Company,

Was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 27, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 268 :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the creation of a Board of Public Works for the city of Tampa, Florida, and prescribing its powers and duties,

And respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 268:

To be entitled an act to provide for the creation of a Board of Public Works for the city of Tampa, Florida, and prescribing its powers and duties,

Was read the first time by its title and, on motion of Mr. Bielby, placed on second reading.

Also the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 28, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has indefinitely postponed—

Senate Bill No. 163.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. J. E. Perry, of Suwannee county.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent Mr. Dunn introduced the following Concurrent Resolution :

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That the second regular session of the Legislature of Florida under the Constitution of 1885 do adjourn *sine die* at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, May 31st, 1889.

Mr. Dunn moved that it be adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out out "12 M." and insert "9 P. M."

Mr. Houstoun moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until 9 o'clock A. M. Friday next;

Which was not agreed to.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Swearingen offered the following substitute :

Substitute 12 P. M. for 12 o'clock noon ;

Which was not agreed to.

So the substitute was lost.

The question recurred upon the motion of Mr. Rogers.

Which was not agreed to.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed ;

Which was agreed to,

And the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives. By permission Mr. Parkhill offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved, That in addition to daily sessions the Senate will meet at 8 o'clock P. M. from and after the evening of May 28.

Mr. Bielby moved to postpone the further consideration of the resolution until Friday morning next.

Mr. Parkhill moved to lay the motion on the table ;

Which was agreed to,

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Dunn moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Upon the adoption of the motion to table resolution,

The yeas and nays were called for,

And the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey of 16th District, Bielby, Drake, Dunn, Hendry, Houstoun, King, Pirrong and Swearingen—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey of 22d District, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Hardee, Jenkins, Kirk, Parkhill, Randall, Rogers, Rosborough, Schumacher and Tuten—15.

So the motion to table was lost.

Mr. King moved that the Senate adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning ;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate stood so adjourned.